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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BANFI ET AL.

Examiner

Brenda L. Coleman

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2010.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/CD)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application.

This action is in response to applicants' amendment dated April 1, 2010. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended and claims 12 and 13 are newly added.

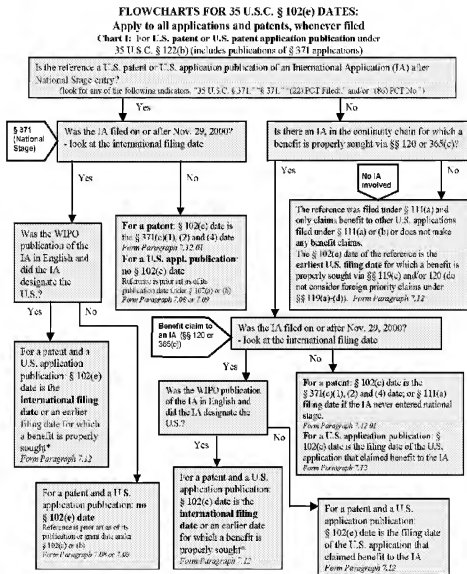
Response to Arguments

Applicants' arguments filed April 1, 2010 have been fully considered with the following effect:

1. With regards to the 35 U.S.C. § 102, anticipation rejection of claims 1-11 labeled paragraph 3) in the last office action, the applicants stated that US 647 does not constitute prior art against the instant application. Applicant respectfully submits that US 647 indicates on its face that it has a 35 USC § 371 date of April 20, 2006 and that the present application is entitled to a priority date of March 9, 2004, as indicated by the PTO PAIR system. The applicants' are reminded that the earliest priority date of the instant application (February 21, 2005; which corresponds to the filing date of PCT Application serial number PCT/IB05/00452). The applicants are not entitled to benefit of application Italy 2004A000452, which not in the English language. Note for benefit under 35 USC 119, there must be clear support (description and enablement) for claims instantly rejected herein as was set forth in *In re Scheiber* 199 USPQ 782; *In re Lukach*, 169 USPQ 795; *In re Gostelli*, 10 USPQ 2nd 1614; *Kawai v. Metlesics* 178 USPQ 159.

U.S. 2007/0032647 has a filing date as follows according to the flow chart found in the MPEP: Flowcharts For 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Dates

III. FLOWCHARTS



The reference is a U.S. application publication of an International Application (IA) after National Stage entry". The reference was filed after Nov. 29, 2000. The WIPO publication of the IA is in English and did designate the U.S. Thus the U.S. application publication § 102(e) date is the international filing date, i.e. October 15, 2004 and thus the reference is prior art against the instant application.

Claims 1-11 and newly added claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by PARENKY et al., U.S. 2007/0032647, as stated above.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda L. Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-0665. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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